

Now the rationale for the faculty salary upgrading at the university and state colleges is compelling. I supported it and I would do it again. However, the same case applies and the same circumstances apply to the same kind of professional professor-level requirements for our technical community colleges as well. The effort was almost, if you could use the words of Spiro Agnew, on a fete intellectual snobbish attitude toward the salary levels for professors at technical community colleges as compared to state colleges and, of course, the university. Because of the reductions in the state aid over the last years, the technical community college appropriation for Fiscal Year '87-88 is, in fact, 3.9 percent below '84-85. Technical community colleges are obviously critically important to our economic development in Nebraska because of what they do at the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor. They provide virtually all of the customized job training and retraining for the new and expanding businesses in the state. It's unfortunate that we did not give that consideration to the technical community colleges. I hope we do a better job of being fair as it applies to those kinds of teachers, professors and technical community colleges in the future. With that, I would ask you to reflect on what I just mentioned and respectfully withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn. Do you have anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Would you like to read the bill, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 784 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 784 pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2666 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 39 ayes, 5 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 excused, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 784 passes with the emergency clause attached. Do you have anything to put in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Mr. President, your Enrolling